

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35 wherein the at least one hook assembly comprises three hook assemblies and the at least one socket comprises three sockets.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35 wherein the at least one hook assembly comprises a pair of hooks.
5. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35 wherein the resilient seal assembly comprises a trim frame adapted for mounting over the support base when the mirror is mounted to a vehicle.
6. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35 wherein the resilient seal assembly comprises an integrated portion of the mounting panel.
7. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35, and further comprising a support base cover assembly for covering the support base when the mirror is mounted to a vehicle.
8. (Original) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 7 wherein the support base cover assembly comprises a base sleeve and a support base panel removable from the base sleeve.

9. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35 wherein the mounting panel can be translated along a mounting surface toward a front portion of a motor vehicle.

10. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35 wherein the mirror case further comprises a pivot point at an outboard end thereof for adjusting the horizontal and vertical tilt of the mirror case.

11. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 10, and further comprising a power pack mounted to an inboard end of the mirror case for adjusting the horizontal and vertical tilt of the mirror case about the pivot point.

12. (Previously Presented) The side-mounted rearview mirror assembly of claim 35, and further comprising an access opening in the mirror housing for gaining access to the interior of the mirror housing and a flexible, removable door for covering the access opening.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~36~~39, and further comprising at least one fastener for fixedly mounting the mirror mounting panel to a vehicle mounting ~~surface~~panel.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14 wherein the at least one fastener comprises at least one threaded fastener for extending through alignable apertures in the mirror mounting panel and a vehicle mounting ~~panel~~surface.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~36~~39, and further comprising at least one seal mounted to at least one peripheral edge of the mirror mounting panel.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the at least one seal is integrally formed with the mirror mounting panel.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17 wherein the at least one seal comprises a flip seal.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein the at least one seal forms an effective barrier against wind and water ingress upon mounting of the mirror mounting panel to a vehicle mounting ~~panel surface~~ as a result of receipt of the hook within the socket.

20–34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) A side-mounted rearview mirror assembly comprising a mirror housing enclosing a mirror case supporting a reflective element, and a support base having a mounting panel for mounting the mirror assembly to a mounting surface of a vehicle, the mirror assembly comprising;

at least one hook assembly extending from the mounting panel, configured to engage at least one socket adapted for mounting the mirror assembly to a vehicle by translating said mounting panel relative to said at least one socket;

a resilient seal assembly extending along at least a portion of the perimeter of the support base for engaging a vehicle; and

at least one boss extending from the mounting panel and at least one locator pad adapted to be extendable from a vehicle mounting surface, the at least one boss being adapted for movement away from a vehicle mounting surface during translation of the at least one boss along an at least one locator pad and the mounting panel along a mounting surface.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (New) A vehicular mirror mounting system for mounting a vehicular mirror to a mounting surface of a vehicle, comprising:

a mirror mounting panel adapted to receive a mirror head with a reflective element mounted therein, the mirror mounting panel having one of a hook and a socket directed in a forward direction with respect to a forward direction of travel of a vehicle, the socket comprising a locator pad positioned adjacent thereto and the hook having a boss in spaced relationship thereto; and

a vehicle mounting surface adaptable to have the other of a hook and a socket directed in a rearward direction with respect to a forward direction of travel of a vehicle, the socket comprising a locator pad positioned adjacent thereto and the hook having a boss in spaced relationship thereto;

wherein the hook is adapted to be slidably received within the socket when the hook and socket are operably aligned with one another and the mirror mounting panel is moved forwardly with respect to a vehicle mounting surface so that the hook can be received within the socket; and

wherein the locator pad is adaptable for spaced relationship to the socket and adapted to be in register with the boss upon mounting of the mirror mounting panel to a mounting surface, and can create tension therebetween for further securement of a mounting between these components.

38. (New) The system of claim 36 wherein the inclined face of the locator pad and the inclined face of the boss are adaptable for slidable engagement during relative translation of the mirror mounting panel along a vehicle mounting panel to induce opposed tensile forces in the hook and the socket.

39. (New) A vehicular mirror mounting system for mounting a vehicular mirror assembly to a mounting panel of a vehicle, the system comprising:

a mirror mounting panel adapted for coupling with a mirror assembly housing having a reflective element mounted therein, the mirror mounting panel including one of a hook and a socket characterized by a first orientation;

a vehicle mounting panel adaptable to include the other of the hook and the socket, the other of the hook and the socket characterized by a second orientation complementary to the first orientation to enable coupling of a hook with a socket;

a locator pad disposed adjacent the socket for facilitating a coupling of the mirror mounting panel with a vehicle mounting panel, the locator pad extending away from one of the mirror mounting panel and a vehicle mounting panel, and having an inclined portion; and

a boss disposed adjacent the hook for facilitating a coupling of the mirror mounting panel with a vehicle mounting panel, the boss extending away from the other of the mirror mounting panel and a vehicle mounting panel, and having an inclined portion;

wherein the hook is adapted to be slidably received within the socket when the hook and socket are cooperatively aligned and the mirror mounting panel is translated along a vehicle mounting panel so that the hook can be received within the socket.